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The Appeal Brief filed on 09 January 2006 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 41.37.

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4. ☐ (a) The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters; and/or (b) the brief fails to: (1) identify, for each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately, every means plus function and step plus function under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, and/or (2) set forth the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function with reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v)).
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NOTICE OF DEFECTIVE APPEAL BRIEF

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on August 25, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

On January 9, 2006, appellants submitted a Reply Brief to the Examiner's Answer mailed December 20, 2005 [page 1] and a Supplemental Appeal Brief in response to the Order Returning Undocketed Appeal to Examiner mailed on August 29, 2005 [page 1]. While the Supplemental Appeal Brief now includes the Evidence and Related Proceedings Appendices as required by 37 CFR § 41.37(c), the Appendix still does not contain a correct copy of claims 1, 11, 17, 24 and 31. It appears that the current Appendix now incorporates the Amendment filed August 2, 2004, which was not entered. Please see the Advisory Action mailed November 4, 2004. Correction is needed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alina N. Boutah whose telephone number is 571-272-3908. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (9:00 am - 5:00 pm).


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David A. Wiley can be reached on 571-272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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